

REMARKS

The present application has 18 claims pending, including independent Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18. Claims 1-4, 10-13 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Na et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,920,551) in view of Sivaprakasam (U.S. Patent No. 6,785,513), and further in view of Grimwood et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,369). Claims 5, 6, 14, and 15 were rejected as being unpatentable over Na et al. in view of Sivaprakasam. Allowance of Claims 7-9 and 17-18 is gratefully acknowledged.

All independent claims that were rejected by the Examiner (Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 14, 15 and 16) were based on 35 U.S.C. 103(a) obviousness rejections that rely, at least in part, on Sivaprakasam. Dependent Claims 2-4 and 11-13 were similarly rejected based, in part, on Sivaprakasam.

The Sivaprakasam document, presented by the Examiner as prior art, was filed with the U.S.P.T.O. on April 5, 2001. The pending application has a priority date of October 20, 2000 based on Korean Patent Application No. 10-2000-006-0061835, timely claimed during the filing of the present application. The certified copy of the Korean Application was transmitted to the U.S.P.T.O. via certified mail on December 18, 2003 and the claim for foreign priority is acknowledged in the current Office Action.

A Certificate of Translation Korean Patent Application 2000-61835, dated August 24, 2005, and translation for the certified copy of the foreign priority document is enclosed with this response.

Based on the above, the Sivaprakasam reference is antedated and overcome by the foreign priority document under 37 CFR §1.55. Accordingly, independent Claims 1, 5, 6, 10, 14, 15 and 16 and dependent Claims 2-4 and 11-13 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the

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